

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.

Austin, Tex., January 2, 1888.

Hon. Joseph Nalle, Mayor, presiding.

Role Roll Call: Present, Aldermen Assmann,
Boland, Caldwell, Campbell, Haigler, Jones, Linn,
Mets, Schneider Townsend - 10.

Absent, Aldermen Brush, DeGress, Fisher
Graham, Dell, Pillow, Platt, Phillips,
Wilson and Wortham - 10.

A quorum not being present, Alderman
Caldwell moved that the meeting stand
adjourned until 7:30 o'clock p.m., Friday,
January 6, 1888. Adopted.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk.

Minutes of an adjourned Meeting of the City Council.

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Roll

Call Roll.

Present, Aldermen Assmann, Baland,
Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, DeGress, Fisher,
Graham, Haigler, Jones, Linn, Metz, Odell,
Pillow, Platt, Phillips, Schneider, Townsend,
Wilson, Wortham - 20.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings of the Council held
on December 15 and 16, were adopted as printed.
The following reports of city officers were,
on motion of Alderman Pillow, properly
referred without being read:

Report of
Assessor &c.

The report of the assessor
and collector, of collections made during the
months of November and December. The amount
collected is stated as follows:

Ad Valorem taxes	\$ 7,903.57
From other sources for account of general fund	2,887.83
For account of City Cemetery fund	<u>11.00</u>
	10,802.40
School taxes collected	\$ 2,565.17.

Report of
Marshal

Marshal's report for the month of December.	
Total amount of fines and costs assessed	\$ 712.25
Collected in Cash	\$ 198.35
Written Out	361.50
Escaped	34.40
Remitted by Council	15.80
Carried forward	<u>102.20</u>
	\$ 712.25
Back fines collected	\$ 9.20

Total number of arrests made 83.

Clerk's report.

Report of City Clerk of amount
of warrants issued during the month
of December 1887, fixes the amt at \$ 7669.13

Phys. report

Report of City Physician for the

Phys. report month of December 1887.

Number of patients in hospital December 1, 1887.	14
" " " admitted " in December	6
" " " discharged from Hospital in Dec	9
" " deaths in " " "	1
(Cause of death typhoid fever)	
" patients Remaining in hospital Jan. 1-10	
" Cases of Scarlet fever reported in City in Dec.	
" Visits made	147
" Prescriptions Written	236

There has been more sickness than usual with the poor people of the city during the past month, caused principally from exposure to the cold and inclement weather.

Sextons report. The City Sexton presented a report concerning the condition of the grounds and gates and the scarcity of burial ground, and stated the keys to the Jewish Cemetery had not been given to him. It was read and referred to Cemetery Committee.

Engineers report. The City engineer presented a report, stating he had tested some of the work done on the topographical survey by Mr. J. T. Pope, the engineer employed to make the survey, and found the work in substantial conformity with the recorded field notes and profile. He also reported the city's transit to be in need of repairs.

The report was referred to the Committee on Streets and bridges.

Tre. report. The report of G.W. Howard, treasurer, from the 1st to 30th, inclusive, of December, was read and referred.

It shows:

Balance on hand Dec. 1	\$3,748.09
Receipts	4.444.38
Total	8.192.47

Disbursements.

City Cemetery, paid Warrants	\$20.85
Greenwood " " "	1460.00
General Funds	5,248.08
	\$6,728.93

Balances Dec., 20.

City Cemetery fund	161.73
Bank Debt fund	172.73
Interest "	25.00
General	<u>1104.08</u>
Total	8.192.47

In report.

Report of J. S. Myers, Treasurer, from Dec. 20, 1887, to January 6, 1888, was next presented. It shows:

Total Receipts	\$4,745.85
" Disbursements, paid Warrants	
account of general fund	\$893.65
To Credit general fund	3489.64
To Credit of City Cemetery fund	164.74
To Credit of the Bank debt "	172.73
To Credit of Interest "	<u>25.00</u>
	\$4745.75

Lights.

Alderman DeGress presented a proposal from the Austin Water, Light and Power Company in effect that that Company had erected twenty-five 2000 Candle power Brush arc lamps in the business and a portion of the residential part of the city, and would furnish the lights to the city at the rate of \$12.50 each per month, and that one hundred or more 25- Candle power incandescent lamps, to take the place of gas and oil lamps would be furnished at the rate of \$25 each per annum. The rates are based upon a contract for ten years, payable monthly. It was moved that the proposition be referred to the Committee on water and gas.

Alderman Fisher moved that the City Attorney be added to the Committee. The motion was carried and the proposal was so referred.

Chas. McNally

A bill in favor of Chas. McNally, for the sum of \$637.81, for quarrying rock and gravel on certain streets in the city, was referred to the Street Committee.

Geo. Metz.

Alderman Brush introduced a petition from George Metz, requesting permission to open Cotton Street to certain points. The petition was, on motion of Alderman Schneider, referred to the Street Committee, with instructions to take such action concerning the same as they may deem proper.

V.J. Pope.

Alderman Platt introduced a bill in favor of V.J. Pope, for the sum of \$551.76, and papers concerning the same.

Alderman Fisher moved that they be referred to the Committee on Finance & Revenue. Adopted.

Syndicated tracks.

Alderman Platt offered a resolution providing that, if the railroad track leading from the Austin and Northwestern Railroad to the State Capitol building, which was laid down by Abner Taylor and Gus Wilkie, Contractor and Sub-Contractor of the State Capitol building, under a grant from the City Council, be taken up at the expense of the said Taylor and Wilkie, and that portion of the streets now occupied by the said railroad be graded and repaired under the supervision of the Street Commissioner and the Street Committee of the City Council and in a manner satisfactory to them and to be accepted by them, and the repairs and grading to be done at the expense of said Taylor and Wilkie; that said Abner Taylor and Gus Wilkie shall be released from all liability under the ordinances granting them the privilege of laying said track. The resolution was adopted.

Dec. payroll.

Alderman DeGress introduced an ordinance appropriating \$3,345 for the purpose of paying officers and regular employees of the City and City and County hospital, each for the month of December, 1887. It was read first time, after which it was, on motion, placed on its

Second reading by a unanimous vote of the entire Council. It was then read a second time, and, on motion, the rules were again suspended, to place the Ordinance on its third reading; by the following vote:

Yea - Alderman Assmann, Baland, Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, DeGress, Fisher, Graham, Haigler, Jones, Linn, Metz, Odell, Pillow, Platt, Phillips, Schneider, Townsend and Wortham - 19. The Ordinance was then read a third time, and on motion passed by the following vote:

Yea - Aldermen Assmann, Baland, Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, DeGress, Fisher, Graham, Haigler, Jones, Linn, Metz, Odell, Pillow, Platt, Phillips, Schneider, Townsend, Wilson, Wortham - 20.

Salaries.

Alderman DeGress presented an Ordinance fixing the compensation of the officers and employees of the City of Austin for the present term. The Ordinance was read first time, and on motion the rules were suspended, and it was placed on its second reading by a unanimous vote of the entire Council.

Amended.

It was then read a second time, after which Alderman DeGress moved that the caption and section 1 be amended so as to fix time of beginning of compensation from date of qualification Adopted.

" Alderman Fisher moved to amend section one by striking out \$ "1.00" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$1.000" as an annual salary for the City engineer.

" Alderman Campbell moved to amend the motion made by Alderman Fisher by striking out "\$1.000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$1.200."

" Alderman Baland moved to amend by making the City engineer's salary \$600 per annum.

" Alderman Campbell withdrew his amendment. The motion made by Alderman Fisher was then agreed to. Yea - Aldermen Assmann, Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, Fisher, Jones, Linn, Pillow, Phillips, Townsend, Wilson - 11.

Nays- Aldermen Boland, DeGress, Graham, Haigler, Metz, Odell, Platt, Schneider Northam - 9.

amended

Alderman Brush moved that Section One of the Ordinance be amended by striking out "\$480," and inserting "\$600" as annual salary for each of the drivers and tillerman of the fire department. The amendment was adopted.

Yea- Aldermen Assmann, Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, Fisher, Jones, Linn, Pillow, Phillips, Townsend and Wilson - 11.
Nays- Aldermen Boland, DeGress, Graham, Haigler, Metz, Odell, Platt, Schneider Northam - 9.

Alderman Jones moved to amend Section One by striking out "\$1,200" and inserting in lieu thereof, "\$1,500," as an annual salary for the assessor and collector of taxes. The amendment carried.

Yea- Aldermen Assmann, Boland, Campbell, Fisher, Graham, Haigler, Jones, Linn, Metz, Odell, Pillow, Platt, Phillips, Schneider, Townsend, 15.
Nays- Alderman Brush, Caldwell, DeGress Wilson; Northam - 5.

Alderman Phillips moved to amend Section One of the Ordinance by striking out "\$1,000" and inserting in its stead "\$1,200" as an annual salary for the recorder. The motion was lost- Yea- Aldermen Assmann, Brush, Campbell, Fisher, Jones, Linn, Metz, Phillips - 8.

Nay- Aldermen Boland, Caldwell, DeGress, Graham, Haigler, Odell, Pillow, Platt, Schneider, Townsend, Wilson, Northam - 12.

Alderman Schneider moved to amend the same Ordinance and Section by striking out "\$1,500," and inserting instead thereof "\$1,000," as an annual

Amended.

Salary for the City Attorney. Motion not seconded. Alderman Platt offered, as an amendment to the same Ordinance and Section that "\$800" be removed and that "\$100" be inserted in its stead, as an annual salary for the Sanitary inspector. Motion not seconded. The Ordinance was then passed to its third reading by the following vote.

Yeas - Aldermen Assmann, Beland, Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, Fisher, Graham, Haiger, Jones, Linn, Odell, Pillow, Townsend, Wilson, Wortham - 16.

Nays - Aldermen DeGress, Metz, Platt, Schneider - 4. The Mayor announced the Standing Committees as follows:

1. Streets, Alleys, Bridges, Etc.: Alderman Platt, Chairman; Aldermen Wilson & Haiger.
2. Finance and Revenue: Alderman DeGress, Chairman; Aldermen Wortham and Odell.
3. Public Parks: Brush, Fisher and Townsend.
4. Fire Department: Jones, Assmann and Schneider.
5. Police Department: Graham, Campbell and Metz.
6. Claims and Accounts: Phillips, Linn and Odell.
7. Ordinances: Pillow, Phillips and Wortham.
8. Public Printing: Fisher, Caldwell and Graham.
9. Markets: Beland, Jones and Assmann.
10. Cemetery: Caldwell, Campbell, and Schneider.
11. Sanitation and Beverage: Haiger, Townsend and Fisher.
12. Hospital: Wilson, Pillow and Linn.
13. Water and Gas: DeGress, Beland and Metz.

14. Charity:

Campbell, Platt and Brush.

Fire alarm. Alderman Brush presented an invitation to the Mayor and City Council from Chas. Wann, general agent Union Fire Alarm Company, of New York, to witness an exhibition of the workings of that system of alarm at Spiegherhoff building, between 9 a.m. and noon on January 7.

Alderman Jones moved that the invitation be accepted. Carried.

Alderman Brush moved that the fire Commissioners be invited to meet with Mr. Wann and the Council at 10 a.m., on the date and at the place named. Adopted.

The Ordinance above referred to fixing the salaries and compensation of officers and regular employees, was again taken up and read, and on motion passed.

Alderman Caldwell introduced an Ordinance appropriating \$10,000 for the purpose of making improvements on the streets of the City.

The Ordinance provides for \$1,000 for each Ward, to be expended under the supervision of the City Engineer, Street Commissioner, Street Committee and the Aldermen representing the several Wards.

It was read and referred to the committee on Streets, etc.

Alderman DeGress then offered an Ordinance appropriating \$6,000 for the rent of fire hydrants in the City of Austin. It was read first time, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on second and third readings and that it do pass, all of which were adopted by the following vote:

yeas - Aldermen
Assmann, Boland, Brush, Campbell, DeGress,
Fisher, Graham, Staiger, Jones, Linn, Metz,

Odell, Pillow, Platt, Phillips, Schneider,
Townsend, Wilson and Wortham - 19.

Nay - Alderman Caldwell

Ald. Caldwell.

The reason given by Alderman Caldwell for voting no on the passage of the Ordinance was because Article 323, Civil Ordinances, is directly opposed to repealing an Ordinance by general terms.

\$5200 interest.

Alderman DeGress also introduced an Ordinance appropriating \$5,200 to pay the interest due on the City bonds for the six months ending December 31, 1880.

The Ordinance was read first time, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second and third readings and that it do pass; all of which were adopted by the following vote:

Yea - Aldermen
Assmann, Boland, Brush, Caldwell, Campbell,
DeGress, Fisher, Graham, Haigler, Jones, Sinn,
Metz, Odell, Pillow, Platt, Phillips, Schneider,
Townsend, Wilson and Wortham - 20.

Off for mayor.

Alderman Wilson presented a resolution as follows: "That the Mayor appoint a Committee of three Aldermen, whose duty it shall be to secure an office and furnish the same for the use of the mayor of this City."

Adopted, and Aldermen Wilson, Jones and Fisher were appointed as such committee.

\$200,000 Bonds

The mayor presented to the Council an Ordinance ordering an election by the taxpaying citizens of Austin for the purpose of procuring their consent to the extension of the bonded debt of the City of Austin in the sum of two hundred thousand dollars beyond and in addition to the present bonded debt of one hundred and twenty five thousand dollars. The Ordinance was read first time, after which Alderman Platt moved that it be laid over and printed.

Alderman Phillips moved to lay the motion on the table. Carried.

Bond Ord.
(\$200.000)

Yea - Alderman Assmann, Baland,
Caldwell, DeGress, Haigler, Jones, Odell,
Phillips, Schneider, Wilson, Wortham - 11.
Nays - Aldermen Brush, Campbell, Fisher,
Graham, Linn, Metz, Pillow, Platt,
Townsend - 9.

Alderman Campbell moved that the Ordinance
be printed in full in the Synopsis.

Alderman Brush moved that it be printed
in the Statesman and Dispatch.

Alderman Pillow moved that it be
printed three times in each paper.

Alderman Campbell moved to amend that
portion of the motion by Alderman Pillow
which refers to the Dispatch, by adding,
providing the Dispatch print at the same
rate as the Statesman. Adopted, and the
motion as amended was agreed to.

On motion, the Ordinance was passed
to its second reading.

Yea - Aldermen Assmann, Baland,
Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, DeGress,
Fisher, Graham, Haigler, Jones, Linn, Metz,
Odell, Phillips, Schneider, Townsend,
Wilson, Wortham - 18.

Nays Aldermen Pillow and Platt - 2.

Alderman DeGress then moved that
the Ordinance be postponed until the
next meeting. No objection was made.

\$75.000 Bonds.

Alderman Linn introduced an Ordinance
to authorize and provide for the issue and
sale of bonds of the City of Austin to the
amount of \$75.000, for the purpose of erecting
a city hall and market house building, and to
provide for the levy of a special tax for payment
of such bonds. The Ordinance provides in detail
for carrying its purpose into effect, and provides for
an election to be held on April 3, 1888, for the
purpose of securing consent of the taxpaying citizens
to the issue of the bonds and the levy and
collection of an annual tax not to exceed one-
twelfth of one per centum for the purpose of

paying the principal and interest of the bonds. The Ordinance was read first time, after which Alderman Linn moved that it be referred to a special Committee of five Aldermen. Motion adopted, and the following Aldermen were appointed as such Committee:

Linn, Wortham, Fisher, Wilson and Phillips.

Police force

The Mayor, by request of the marshal, submitted the following nominations to the Council for Confirmation:

Sergeant C. C. Palmer.

Police day Clerk - Neil McCashin.

Policemen - Mounted City detective and policeman, John Cheneville; policemen, Mr. Dornwell, A. Montgomery, John Kennerly, JW Braeskin, E.C. Tolwell, H.G. Madison, J.S. Rundell, J.W. Gassaway, W.J. Jones, J.R. Connor, L.C. Lock, R.J. Bell, J.D. Platt, Louis Morris, P.J. O'humb, W. Allen, Al. Musgrave and Mr. Davis.

Alderman Pillow moved that the nominations be confirmed. Adopted.

Elect Deputy
a + Collector.

Alderman DeGress offered an Ordinance amending Article 135, Title 5, Chapter 4, of the Revised Civil Ordinances of the City of Austin.

The Ordinance provides for the election of a deputy assessor and collector of taxes defines his duties, and requires him to give a bond to the city. The ordinance was read first time, after which Alderman Fisher moved to lay it on the table.

Motion lost by the following vote:

Yea - Aldermen Bland, Campbell, Fisher, Graham, Haigler, Jones, Linn, Pillow, Phillips, Schneider, 10.

Nay - Aldermen Assmann, Brush, Caldwell, DeGress, Metz, Odell, Platt, Townsend, Wilson, Wortham and the Mayor - 11.

A motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading was lost by the following vote: Yea - Aldermen Assmann,

Boland, Brush, Caldwell, DeGress, Metz,
Ogall, Platt, Townsend, Wilson, Wortham - 11.
Nays - Alderman Campbell, Fisher, Graham,
Haigler, Jones, Linn, Pillow, Phillips, and
Schneider - 9.

Henry Ziller. There being no other action taken concerning
the Ordinance, the Mayor, by request of the
Assessor and Collector nominated Henry Ziller as
deputy assessor and collector, and on motion
he was confirmed.

Adjourned. The Council, on motion, then adjourned.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk.